

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 111

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

CRIMINAL/SENTENCING: Provides relative to diminution of sentence for the earning of an associate's degree

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:828(E), relative to diminution of sentence; to provide relative
3 to diminution of sentence for the earning of an associate's degree; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:828(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §828. Classification and treatment programs; qualified sex offender programs;
8 reports; earned credits

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10 E. Offenders who are otherwise eligible ~~under~~ pursuant to this Section who
11 earn a bachelor's or associate's degree from a regionally accredited and a department-
12 approved educational institution while incarcerated shall be eligible to earn an
13 additional ninety days of credit toward the reduction of the projected good time
14 parole supervision date.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows an inmate to obtain "good time" credit for obtaining an associate's degree while incarcerated.

Present law provides for treatment, vocational, and rehabilitation programming offered to inmates through the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C).

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that an eligible inmate who earns a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited and a DPS&C-approved educational institution while incarcerated shall be eligible to earn an additional 90 days of "good time" credit.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an associate's degree as a qualifying degree that entitles an inmate to an additional 90 days of "good time" credit.

(Amends R.S. 15:828(E))